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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY, ROME FOR FODAG

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SUBJECT: WHEAT ASSISTANCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE

REF: (A) LOURENCO MARQUES 1185; (B) LOURENCO MARQUES 1158

1. AFTER RECEIVING REPORT FROM FLOUR MILL CIA INDUSTRIAL DE
MATOLA (CIM) THAT 16,000 TONS OF WHEAT ORDERED FROM LOUIS
DREYFUS WOULD BE ARRIVING IN JANUARY, 1975, I CHECKED WITH
LUIS HONWANA, PRIME MINISTER'S AIDE, TO SEE WHETHER USG WHEAT
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ASSISTANCE STILL NEEDED. HE INFORMED ME FOLLOWING:

(A) AFTER CONSUL GENERAL WALKER'S CALL ON PRIME MINISTER CHISSANO ON DECEMBER 18, MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT STUDIED MOZAMBIQUE'S WHEAT REQUIREMENTS AND FOUND THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD RUN OUT OF WHEAT STOCKS IN FEW WEEKS, WITH SERIOUS POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES. GOVERNMENT THEREFORE DECIDED IT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO USE SCARCE FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES FOR DREYFUS WHEAT ORDER RATHER THAN FOR OTHER HIGH PRIORITY NEEDS. HONWANA CONFIRMED DREYFUS WHEAT EXPECTED IN JANUARY BUT STRESSED IT WOULD ONLY SATISFY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF MOZAMBIQUE'S 1975 WHEAT NEEDS.

(B) REGARDING ROMANIAN WHEAT SUPPLIES, HONWANA SAID ROMANIA HAD PROMISED SOME WHEAT ASSISTANCE, BUT QUANTITIES HAVE NOT BEEN FIXED. HONWANA SAID IT WAS EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL ROMANIA WOULD BE ABLE TO FULFILL ALL MOZAMBIQUE'S WHEAT REQUIREMENTS.

(C) MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT IS STILL COUNTING ON USG WHEAT ASSISTANCE AND IS AWAITING REPLY.

2. COMMENT: DREYFUS ORDER WILL ONLY PROVIDE TEMPORARY RELIEF, SATISFYING ONLY TWO MONTHS OF MOZAMBIQUE'S NORMAL WHEAT NEEDS, NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FAMINE SITUATION IN BEIRA AND TETE DISTRICTS. IN VIEW LEAD TIME REQUIRED FOR SHIPMENT, STRONGLY RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT GIVE MOZAMBIQUE'S REQUEST FOR WHEAT AID URGENT ATTENTION.
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